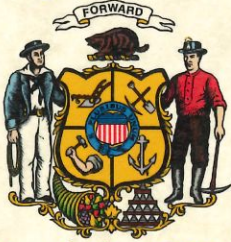


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; encompassing a wide range of topics and disciplines, the arts and humanities encourage collaborative, intergenerational, and multicultural learning and enable individual expression through a variety of different media; and

*WHEREAS*; the arts and humanities build connections and understanding between diverse groups of people and enrich the lives of many by offering opportunities for all to explore and learn in ways that allow them to build a better Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; even in the face of unprecedented challenges, artists, humanities scholars, and arts and humanities organizations have found new and innovative ways to deliver exhibitions, performances, programs, and services to the world; and

*WHEREAS*; the Wisconsin Arts Board is celebrating its 50th anniversary and has enjoyed a productive and mutually supportive relationship with the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, regional economic development organizations, and the state's creative industries, enhancing opportunities for cultural workers while also attracting new businesses to the state; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin Humanities, an independent non-profit affiliate organization of the National Endowment for the Humanities, has for the past 51 years partnered with libraries, schools, historical societies, museums, and other civic and cultural organizations to help communities thrive through residents' active engagement with history, culture, and ideas; and

*WHEREAS*; the arts and humanities play an essential role in bolstering the creative economy that retains and attracts a dynamic workforce and valuable industries to Wisconsin communities; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the thousands of organizations and individuals across the state who are dedicated to promoting the arts and humanities, including the Wisconsin Arts Board and Wisconsin Humanities, in supporting the arts in education, promoting thoughtful engagement with history, culture, and ideas, celebrating cultural activities in communities, and encouraging all Wisconsinites to find their own creative voice;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

## ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 15th day  
of September 2023.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State